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FROM LOW

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV, RH, ZA
SUBJECT: PREM CHAND CONVERSATION WITH KAUNDA

1. CHAND AND JONAS FILLED ME IN ON THEIR TWO AND ONE-HALF
HOUR CONVERSATION WITH KAUNDA AT MFUWE ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 30.
THE THREE WERE ALONE DURING THE FRIENDLY MEETING.

2. KAUNDA OUTLINED AT LENGTH THE HISTORY OF THE EFFORTS TO
BRING MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND THEN EXPLAINED TO THE UN
REPS HIS PRESENT THINKING. HE SAID THAT THE ONLY REASON
HE HAD AGREED TO SUPPORT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL WAS
BECAUSE OF THE ASSURANCES GIVEN HIM BY THE US COMMITTING IT
TO PUT PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA TO GET RID OF SMITH.

3. KAUNDA SAID HE FELT EARLY ELECTIONS WOULD BE A MISTAKE
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FOR TWO REASONS: THEY WOULD LEAD TO VIOLENCE AND CIVIL WAR
AND IF MUZOREWA WERE ELECTED AN ARMY BASED ON THE LIBERATION
FORCES WOULD QUICKLY OVERTHROW HIM. THEREFORE, HE SUGGESTED
THAT POWER BE TURNED OVER TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT NOW,
AND THE ELECTION DELAYED FOR THREE YEARS. IN THE MEANTIME
THE UN FORCES WOULD BE PRESENT IN RHODESIA AND HELP MAINTAIN
LAW AND ORDER AND ENSURE A FREE AND IMPARTIAL ELECTION.

5. KAUNDA MADE NO BONES ABOUT HIS VIEW THAT NKOMO WAS THE ONLY LEADER POSSIBLE FOR AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE. MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE WERE TOO WEAK. THEY SHOWED THEIR LACK OF COURAGE AND LEADERSHIP BY FAILING TO TAKE THE SAME POSITION PUBLICLY AS THEY HAD PRIVATELY WITH SMITH. MUGABE WAS RULED OUT AND THAT LEFT ONLY NKOMO.

6. KAUNDA SAID HIS THINKING ALONG THESE LINES HAD ONLY DEVELOPED SINCE HIS MEETING WITH SMITH AND THAT HE HAD NOT WORKED OUT THE DETAILS. FOR THIS REASON HE HAD NOT SHARED HIS THOUGHTS WITH HIS FRONT LINE COLLEAGUES.
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